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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Japanese Patent Application No. 10-81215A is discussed in the present specification and well as its U.S. version (U.S. Patent No. 6,086,168).

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